



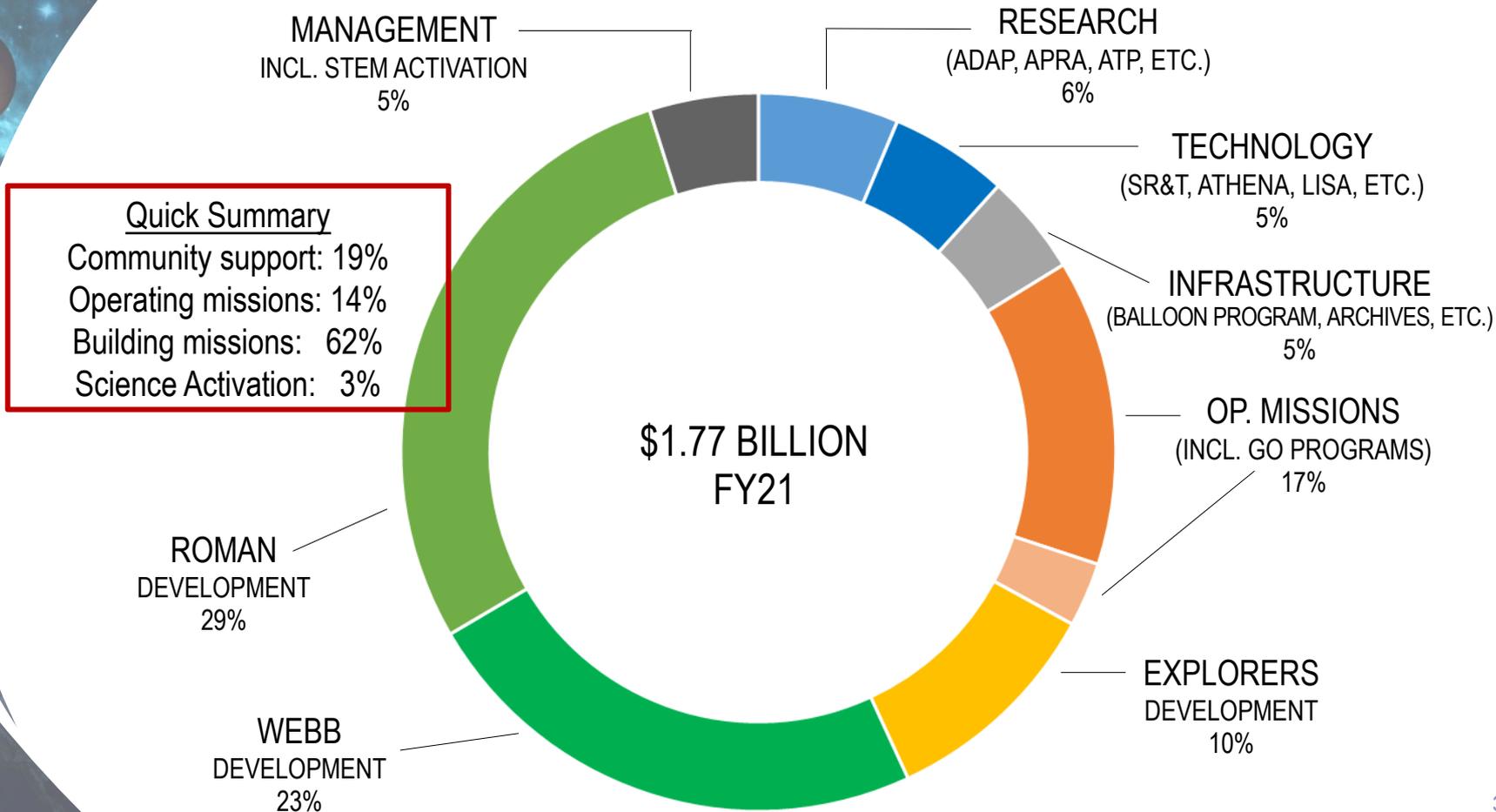
**NASA HQ Astrophysics**  
**June 2021 View for *Roman***  
Dominic Benford

# Personnel Things

- Aki Roberge has completed her detail and returned to GSFC; currently no Deputy Program Scientist at HQ. (BTW, opportunity to be a Visiting Scientist at HQ is open for another ~8 weeks: <https://jobregister.aas.org/ad/6838d5ef>)
- Paul Hertz will step down as Astrophysics Division's longest-serving Director, effective at the end of the year. Not retiring, but rather transitioning.
- New NASA Administrator, Bill Nelson, sworn in on May 3. Former Senator. Flew on Shuttle 1986.

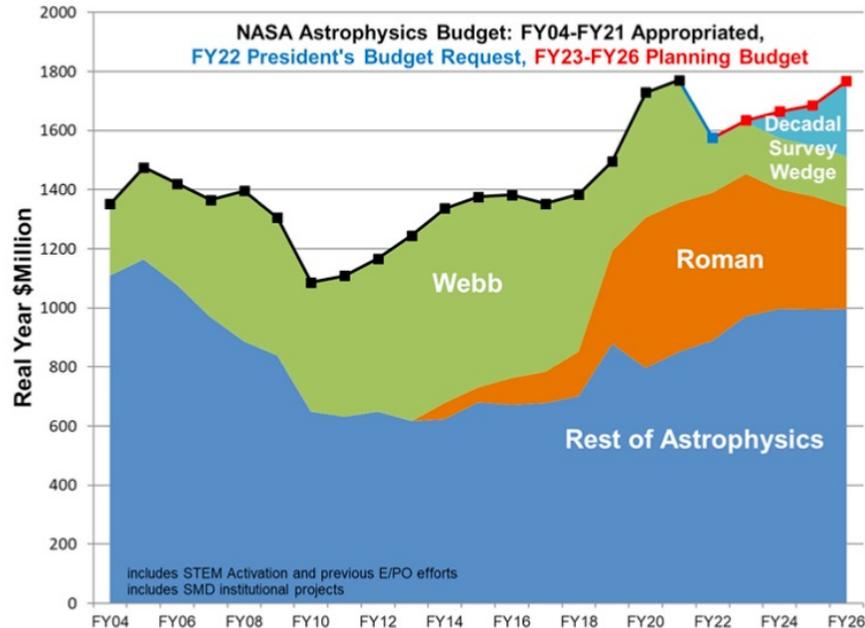


# What Astrophysics is Doing in 2021



# Roman Budget Planning

- President's FY22 budget request is strong for NASA, and Astrophysics: \$1,575M
- **Roman** is in the FY22 budget! Allows for (somewhat) solid out-year planning.



- **Roman** project is planned consistent with \$501.6M in FY22 and outyears
- Supports new science projects from aforementioned ROSES-21 solicitation

# Roman Replan

- COVID has impacted many projects

Mission impacts to commitments due to COVID (only missions with commitments)			
Webb	Exceeds schedule	XRISM	Does not exceed
IXPE	Exceeds cost and schedule	SPHEREx	Included in commitment
GUSTO	Does not exceed	Roman	Exceeds cost and schedule
Euclid	Does not exceed		

- **Roman** has made good progress despite significant disruption at Goddard, JPL, contractor facilities, international partners, and in supply chain.
- Held a replan review on May 25 to re-establish a baseline for the mission incorporating **only** COVID impacts since February 2020, extrapolated forward
- **Roman's** new schedule implies a launch readiness date of July 2026, with a NASA commitment to launch by May 2027.

